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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed May 24, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Status:

By the forgoing amendment, the specification and various claims have been amended. The amendments made in this regard are made solely to clarify or broaden the scope of the claims and are *not* needed to distinguish the claims from the prior art.

No new claims are added. No claims are cancelled. Thus, claims 1-46 are currently pending for further action.

Prior Art:

Claims 1-29 and 31-46 were rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0015566 to Anderson et al. ("Anderson"). For at least the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites:

A method for managing document processing device job information comprising:  
*organizing said job information into menus and submenus; and*  
displaying said job information to a user.  
(Emphasis added).

With respect to claim 1, Applicant refers to the definition of a "job" from the present specification. "[T]he term 'print job' is meant to be understood as data that has been prepared for printing by a document processing device. Similarly, the more general term, 'job' is meant to be understood as data, in the form of a file or a document, which has been

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prepared for handling by a multi-function device or other document processing device.”  
(Applicant’s specification, paragraph 0013).

In contrast, Anderson does not teach or suggest “organizing said *job information* into menus and submenus; and displaying said job information to a user.” (Claim 1) (emphasis added).

In rejecting claim 1, the Office Action refers exclusively to Anderson’s teachings in connection with Fig. 5. (Action of 5/24/07, p. 2). However, Fig. 5 illustrates a menu on a “host server” and is entirely inapposite to the claimed subject matter.

According to Anderson, “FIG. 5 is a screen print of the Main Menu 500 of the host server 110 as accessed by a workstation 115. To access the Main Menu 500, a user establishes a TELNET session using the workstation 115 to the appropriate host (e.g., Unix) server 110 as is known in the art. The user then enters a login name and password. Assuming the login name and password are correct, the user enters the name of the Main Menu 500 at the prompt (e.g., Unix prompt). The Main Menu 500 then opens. The Main Menu 500 contains options for setting the document type, database, and cycle, and also has options for launching the submenus of system modules.” (Anderson, paragraph 0187). The menu of Fig. 5 includes such submenus as “Match Control Menu,” “Optical Administration Menu,” “Tape Administration Menu,” etc.

Thus, Anderson teaches that the various *functions* of the host server (110) are organized into menus and submenus as illustrated in Fig. 5. Anderson does not teach or suggest *job information* organized into menus and submenus as claimed. Consequently, Anderson, as cited in the Office Action, is unrelated and entirely inapposite to the subject matter of claim 1.

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"A claim is anticipated [under 35 U.S.C. § 102] only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See M.P.E.P. § 2131. In the present case, Anderson fails to teach any of the subject matter of claim 1, i.e., "organizing said job information into menus and submenus; and displaying said job information to a user." For at least these reasons, the rejection based on Anderson of claim 1 and its dependent claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Independent claim 28 recites:

A document processing device comprising:  
a document processing device memory configured to store an embedded web server; and  
a user interface;  
wherein said user interface is configured to select and view *job information organized into menus and submenus*.  
(Emphasis added)

In contrast, as demonstrated above, Anderson does not teach or suggest a device in which "job information [is] organized into menus and submenus." Anderson does not teach job information, as defined and claimed by the Applicant, that is organized into menus and submenus. Additionally, as cited in the Office Action, Anderson teaches a "host server" (110) and *not* a document processing device with a user interface "configured to select and view job information organized into menus and submenus" as recited in claim 28.

Again, "[a] claim is anticipated [under 35 U.S.C. § 102] only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See M.P.E.P. § 2131. For at least these reasons, the rejection based on Anderson of claim 28 and its dependent claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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Independent claim 38 recites:

A document processing device comprising:  
receiving means for receiving job requests; and  
display means for displaying *job request information in menus and submenus*.  
(Emphasis added).

In contrast, as demonstrated above, Anderson does not teach or suggest a document processing device with "display means for displaying *job request information in menus and submenus*." (Emphasis added). As cited in the Office Action, Anderson teaches server functions, not job request information, that are organized in menus and submenus. (Action of 5/24/07, p. 8).

Again, "[a] claim is anticipated [under 35 U.S.C. § 102] only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See M.P.E.P. § 2131. For at least these reasons, the rejection based on Anderson of claim 38 and its dependent claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Independent claim 44 recites:

A processor readable medium having instructions thereon for:  
storing job information in document processing device memory;  
*organizing said job information into menus and submenus*; and  
displaying said menus and submenus on a user interface or web page.  
(Emphasis added).

In contrast, as demonstrated above, Anderson does not teach or suggest a processor readable medium with instruction thereon for "organizing said job information into menus and submenus." Anderson does not teach job information, as defined and claimed by the Applicant, that is organized into menus and submenus. Consequently, Anderson further fails

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to teach or suggest such a medium with instructions thereon for "displaying said menus and submenus on a user interface or web page."

Again, "[a] claim is anticipated [under 35 U.S.C. § 102] only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See M.P.E.P. § 2131. For at least these reasons, the rejection based on Anderson of claim 44 and its dependent claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Additionally, various dependent claims of the application recite subject matter that is further patentable over the cited prior art. Specific, non-exclusive examples follow.

Claim 4 recites "wherein said organizing said job information comprises organizing said job information according to processing date and time." As demonstrated above, Anderson does not teach or suggest organizing job information into menus and submenus. Consequently, Anderson further fails to teach or suggest so organizing such job information according to processing date and time as recited in claim 4.

Claim 5 recites "wherein jobs processed in a specified time frame are displayed on a user interface of said document processing device. Anderson does not teach or suggest this subject matter.

Claim 6 recites "further comprising customizing said menus and said submenus according to a user specification." Claim 41 recites similar subject matter. In this regard, the Office Action cites Anderson at paragraphs 390-1. (Action of 5/24/07, p. 3). However, while

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that portion of Anderson does discuss user-configurable options, it does *not* teach or suggest that the user can customize menus and submenus, particularly, of job information.

Claim 7 recites "wherein said customizing said menus and said submenus comprises establishing menu and submenu category names and content." Anderson does not teach or suggest this subject matter. In this regard, the Office Action merely refers to the pre-determined names of the menu items in Fig. 5 without indicating how such names are customized by a user. (Action of 5/24/07, p. 3).

Claim 8 recites "wherein said menu and submenu content comprises job information identifying completed jobs, pending jobs, jobs currently being processed, a source of said job, a destination of said job, a type of file or a document, when said job was processed, the type of job processed by said document processing device, a number of pages in said job, or a size of said job." Anderson does not teach or suggest this subject matter. In this regard, the Office Action refers to a portion of Anderson that has to with organizing data for a particular print job, *not* organizing menus or submenus listing job information. (Action of 5/24/07, p. 4).

Claim 14 recites "wherein said user interface is configured to display job information regarding jobs that have already been processed." Claim 15 recites "wherein said user interface is configured to display job information regarding jobs that are currently being processed." Claim 16 recites "wherein said user interface is configured to display job information regarding jobs in a queue waiting to be processed." Anderson does not teach or suggest this subject matter.

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Claim 17 recites "further comprising processing said jobs in said queue according to a precedence." Claim 18 recites "processing said jobs in said queue according to a set of priority regulations." Anderson does not teach or suggest this subject matter. In this regard, the Office Action cites Anderson at paragraph 0178. ((Action of 5/24/07, p. 5). However, this portion of Anderson does not describe processing jobs already in a queue according to a precedence or set or priority regulations.

Claims 21-23 recite "wherein one of said plurality of submenus comprises job information on jobs currently being processed;" wherein one of said plurality of submenus comprises job information on jobs in a queue, waiting to be processed;" and "wherein one of said plurality of submenus comprises job information on jobs already processed." Anderson does not teach or suggest this subject matter. In this regard, the Office Action cites Anderson at Fig. 11. (Action of 5/24/07, p. 6). However, Fig. 11 of Anderson is merely "a sample Audit Report 1100 that has been imported into an Excel spreadsheet." (Anderson, paragraph 0407). This portion of Anderson thus has nothing to with the claimed submenus of job information in a document processing device.

For at least these additional reasons, the rejections of the indicated dependent claims and any similar claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim 30 was rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the teachings of Anderson taken alone. This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the same reasons given above in favor of the patentability of the independent claims.

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Conclusion:

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is thought to be clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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